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WATER FLOWS AS LAGOON RETURNS **TO NATURAL STATE**

nupervisor Pam Slater-Price observes the latest developments at the San Dieguito Lagoon, where Swork on the restoration of the vital wetlands hit a milestone in late January. The 45-acre tidal basin was opened to the ocean, which is designed to encourage migrating birds and fish to populate the area. The \$86 million San Dieguito Lagoon Wetlands Restoration Project involves 440 acres. The river valley itself runs 55 miles, from the coast near Del Mar and Solana Beach east to the headwaters on Volcan Mountain near Julian. The project is being paid for by Southern California Edison as mitigation for the San Onofre Nuclear Generating Station in the very northwest tip of San Diego County. This is at no taxpayer expense.

Supervisor Slater-Price played an instrumental part in bringing the restoration project to fruition. This restoration is an important cornerstone of environmental protection along the coast and its waterways.

By restoring the lagoon and river valley, San Diego County is creating a new recreational area that is attracting national attention and accolades for its conservation effort and dedication to open space. Residents will have new trails to hike and enjoy, improving their quality-of-life. The river park will also attract nature lovers, assisting the region's economy.

For more on this project, visit the project website at www.sdlagoon.com.

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